Recreation Report

Malheur National Forest August 22nd, 2012

Visitors should prepare for all weather conditions, let someone know your plans, as well as the estimated time of return.

The IFPL level on the Malheur National Forest is 4.

UNDER IFPL 4 WOOD CUTTING IS PROHIBITED.

Public Use Restrictions are in effect on the Malheur National Forest.

For more information on IFPL levels, and Public Use Restrictions please visit the Malheur National Forest website at: http://www.fs.usda.gov/malheur/

Campgrounds:

All of the developed campgrounds on the Malheur National Forest are open and maintained for the season.

Trails:

Below are the current trail conditions on the Malheur National Forest for the week of August 20th, 2012.

- Cleared trails:
 - Sumpter Valley Interpretive Trail
 - o Princess Trail
 - Malheur Ford Trail
 - o Joaquin Miller Trail
 - o Tamarack Trail
 - Snowshoe Trail
 - o Canyon Mountain Trail
 - o Davis Creek Trail
 - Mud Lakes Trails
 - Strawberry Lake Trail
 - o Strawberry Basin Trail, cleared to Red Basin
 - o Little Strawberry Trail
 - Slide Basin Trail
 - Slide Basin Short Cut Trail
 - Slide Basin Tie-In Trail
 - Slide Connector Trail
 - Roads End Trail
 - o Buckhorn Meadows Trail
 - Onion Creek Trail
 - o Big Creek Trail
 - Lake Creek Trail
 - Meadow Fork Trail
 - Skyline Trail, Top 2 Miles
 - Pine Creek Trail

- West Fork Pine Creek Trail
- o Table Mountain Trail, cleared to intersection of the East Fork Canyon Trail 211
- Buckhorn Meadow Trail
- o Summit Trail
- o North Fork Trail
- Crane Creek Trail
- Blackeye Trail
- o Sunrise Butte Trail
- Indian Rock Trail
- Cedar Grove Trail
- o Riley Creek Trail
- Horseshoe Trail
- Sheep Creek Trail
- ❖ The Strawberry Basin Trail has been cleared.
- ❖ All of the trails on the Emigrant Creek Ranger District are open for the season.
- Visitors to the Malheur National Forest should be prepared for rapidly changing weather conditions.

**Note- Please use caution when driving or recreating in the backcountry and primitive areas, as you may encounter: down trees, as well as muddy or exceedingly dusty roads.

John Day, OR - Effective at 0001 Wednesday August 22nd, 2012, the Malheur National Forest will go to IFPL 4, announced Roy Walker, Forest Fuels Specialist.

Due to high temperatures and low humidity we have moved into an extreme fire danger," said Walker. "We ask forest visitors to use caution when traveling on the forest and to report any fires they may see as well as violations of these restrictions."

Under IFPL 4, all industrial operations are prohibited. Firewood cutting on the Malheur National Forest is also prohibited.

Public Use Restrictions remain in place on the entire Malheur National Forest. Under Public Use the following restrictions apply:

- Visitors are not allowed to have an open campfire or charcoal grill except in specific designated recreation sites - if you are in a designated recreation site, please make sure your fire is dead out prior to leaving.
- Liquid gas stoves and heaters are allowed.
- No fires are allowed in the Monument Rock or Strawberry Mountain Wildernesses.
- The use of internal combustion engines is prohibited.
- Generators may be operated under the following conditions:
 - (a) in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of flammable material, or
 - (b) when fully contained within a pickup truck bed that is devoid of all flammable material, or

- (c) if factory installed in a recreational vehicle and the generator exhaust discharge is located in the center of an area at least 10 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Smoking is not permitted while traveling through timber, brush, or grass.
- Smoking is only permitted in an enclosed vehicle, building, or within specific developed recreation sites.
 Smoking is also allowed while stopped in an area that is at least three feet in diameter and is cleared of all flammable material.
- Travel restrictions under public use restrictions prohibit motor vehicles traveling off of designated Forest roads and trails.

For more information about fire restrictions on the National Forests, you may call: Malheur National Forest, 541-575-3000; Umatilla National Forest, 541-278-3716; Ochoco National Forest, 541-416-6500 or Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, 541-523-6391.

To report a wildfire in the local area call (541) 575-1321.

DESIGNATED RECREATION SITES

EMIGRANT RANGER DISTRICT

Idlewild Campground
Yellowjacket Campground
Rock Springs Camp (T.18S. R.32E. Sec24)
Delintment Campground
Falls Campground
Emigrant Campground
Joaquin Miller Campground
Buck Spring Campground
Tip Top Campground

PRAIRIE CITY RANGER DISTRICT

Strawberry Campground
Trout Farm Campground
Big Creek Campground
North Fork Campground
Elk Creek Campground
Crescent Campground
Little Crane Campground
Murray Campground
Slide Horse Camp

BLUE MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT

Canyon Meadows Campground Wickiup Campground Parish Cabin Campground Starr Campground Dixie Campground Billy Fields Campground

Middle Fork Campground Lower Camp Creek Campground Magone Lake Campground Deerhorn Campground Oregon Mine Campground